

REMARKS

Claims 28 and 30 are now currently pending in the present application. Claims 27 and 29 have been cancelled herein. Claims 28 and 30 have been amended, as will be discussed below. No new matter has been added by way of the present claim amendments.

Claim Objection

Claim 28 has been objected to by the Examiner. Applicants have amended claim 28 herein in order to remove the outstanding claim objection. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claim 30 stands rejected as containing new matter that is not supported in the specification.

In response to the outstanding rejection, Applicants have amended claim 30 to be directed to “mammalian” cells and have deleted the language that the host cell is cleaved “by a signal peptidase”. Applicants submit that this is entirely consistent with the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 27 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent Publication 2006/0057582 to Rosen et al. (hereinafter “Rosen”).

Without acquiescing to the Examiner’s rejection, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 27 and 29 herein. Thus, the outstanding rejection is rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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